

These Dance to 'Jungle Drums'



Featured above are some of the college students, members of the Dance Club, who will take part in the annual dance assembly this Friday. They are, front row—Katy Nicholas, Judy Beemer, Barbara Julius; middle row—Pat Adams, Nancy Kariger, Marilyn McKern; standing—Dean Lundy and Burton Hiatt.—Photo by Bob.

Dancing Groups Are Scheduled for Annual December Assembly

Members of the Dance Club will present their annual assembly program Friday, December 16, at 10 a. m., in the auditorium.

One feature of the program will be a lecture demonstration by the Fundamentals of Dance Class.

"Jazz Pizzicato," a number composed and played by LeRoy Anderson, has been the sub-title "Growing Up" the dancers and depicts various types of dance. Dancers in this number are Kay Nicholas, Mona Madden, Laura Gregg, Barbara Julius, Marilyn McKern, Nancy Kariger, Beverly Blohm, Nancy Liney, Norma Long, Judy Beemer and Pat Adams.

Another number, entitled "Blues Moderns," features Kay Nicholas, Jo Parent, Marilyn McKern, Pat Adams, Bonnie Brus, Carolyn McDonald, Judy Cross, Gordon Bates, Dean Lundy, Jerry McGinnis and Burton Hiatt.

A Dance Suite, "Jungle Drums," expressive of the original and exotic music of far-off Africa. The three sections of the suite are "Jungle Port," "Jungle Flower," and "Love Dance." Dancers participating in this number are Judy Beemer, Pat Adams, Kay Nicholas, Beverly Blohm, Judy Cross, Ann Buckner, Karen Firkins, Jo Parent, Norma Long, Bonnie Brus, Carolyn Ogden, Barbara Julius, Nancy Kariger, Marilyn McKern, Dean Lundy, Jack Little, Burton Hiatt, Charles Booth, Gordon Bates and Jerry McGinnis.

As a finale, the scenes of a Winter Wonderland come to life on stage as a medley of seasonal songs is played by Barbara Julius on the piano and George Green on the organ. Dancers are Karen (Continued on Page Two)

R. E. Week Theme Proposes Question

"How May I Have Faith, Hope, and Love?" is the theme that has been chosen for Religious Emphasis Week which will be observed February 5 through 11 at the College.

Speakers will be the Reverend Herbert White, superintendent of the St. Joseph District for Methodist churches; Mrs. M. Burnet Easton, wife of the Bible professor at Park College; Father Arnold Blaes, professor of philosophy in the Conception Abbey Seminary; and the Reverend W. N. Wheeler, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Savannah.

Reverend Wheeler will preside over the first service of Religious Emphasis Week which will be held on Sunday evening, February 5, when a fellowship supper will be served. Maryville ministers also will cooperate in the program.

Dr. Jones Returns To Nation's Capital

On the 15th and 16th of December Dr. J. W. Jones, President of the Northwest Missouri State College, will be in Washington, D. C. attending a conference of scientists and professional educators dealing with the problems of teacher education in science and mathematics.

The conference is being held under the joint sponsorship of the U. S. Office of Education, the National Science Foundation, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Officers and members of the Executive Committee and Studies Committee of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, representatives of scientific organizations, and representatives of the sponsoring agencies will be in attendance at the conference. About 25 persons are expected to attend.

Dr. Jones is the chairman of the Studies Committee of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

Pre-registration will continue until Wednesday, December 21.

Students Rate Well In Speech Tourney

Six students of the College were in a speech tournament at Wayne, Nebraska, last weekend. In radio newscasting contests Dan Evans, Charles Hagee, and Larry Ramsey received top ratings of 1.

In debate, novices Larry Ramsey, Dan Evans, and Gweldon Long and veteran debaters Bob Roberts and Allen Carr won three debates, tied one, and lost only two. The overall rating of teams and individuals was excellent.

Christmas Assembly to Feature Dildine, College Music Groups

Plans for the annual Christmas Assembly which is to be held in the College Auditorium on Monday, December 19, at 10 a. m., are now complete. The program has been planned by the Division of Music.

Principal speaker for the event is to be Dr. Harry G. Dildine of the social science department. He will speak on the subject, "Tradition at Its Best."

Providing music for the program will be two groups from the Division of Music—the College Band and the combined Tower Choir and College Chorus.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the band, directed by Mr. Earle Moss, will perform Newell Long's "Christmas Rhapsody," a modern musical presentation which depicts successively the hustle and bustle of Yuletide preparations, the quiet of Christmas Eve after the children have gone to bed, and the excitement of Christmas morning.

Comprised of 85 voices, the Tower Choir and College Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Whitney, will perform "Hodie Christus Natus Est," "The Morning Star," "Glory to God," "Carol of the Drums," "Sing Noel," and the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah."

Two Get Scholarships

Two students from Northwest Missouri State College recently won \$300 scholarships at the Na-

tional 4-H Congress in Chicago. They are Mary Lou Evans of Malvern, Iowa, and Marvin Hogan of Maryville.

Both students received the awards as the result of outstanding achievement in their 4-H work.

Bond Issue Requires Support of Students

To the Student Body of the Northwest Missouri State College:

On January 24 the voters of the State of Missouri will act on a special referendum on a \$75,000,000 bond issue to finance a building program for state institutions. As you no doubt know, the funds from this bond issue will be used for buildings and equipment at all or any of the State's hospitals and eleemosynary institutions, the institutions of higher learning, and the correctional, reformatory, and penal institutions.

As students at this college YOU ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED in the future development of YOUR COLLEGE. YOU KNOW that we need additional classroom facilities, additional dormitory facilities, and certain well-defined repairs and remodeling about the campus.

You are herewith requested to be representatives of the College to discuss our interest in the success of this referendum. You are asked to take this matter up with the people in your home community. You are urged to band yourselves into groups who live in a given city or county and to let the folks at home know how you feel about this matter.

After you have enjoyed your tree, Old Santa Claus, and his gifts to you, I urge you to help on this very important problem of passing the referendum. I have confidence in the united strength of the student body of this college to get a job done that will help this college.

I wish for each of you a Very Merry Christmas.

J. W. JONES, President.

Tomorrow Is Election Day; Students to Choose Senators

Elections for student senators in the Student Government Association will be held tomorrow.

Students from each class will vote for nominees from their classes at the polls in the first floor hall of the Administration building. The polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m. and will be supervised by members of the Student Senate.

From the list of nominees, members of each class are to select two persons to represent them on the Student Senate, the campus governing body.

Only the terms of one-half of the Student Senate members expire at this time. Terms of the remainder of the senators will expire next spring.

Newly-elected Senate members will take office at the first Senate meeting following the election. Junior, sophomore, and freshman senators will serve until December, 1956; senior senators will serve until the end of the school year.

Sophomores, in addition to the election of regular senators, must select one senator to fill out a vacancy in an unexpired term.

Following is a list of the nominees for senators.

Seniors: Bob Smith, Veldeva Cochran, Mac Allen Edwards, Weldon Dowden, Barbara Nixon, and Wayne Boydston. Juniors: Dick Frizell, Betty Cooksey, Bill Hunt, Bob Tinnell, and Charles Gorton.

Sophomores: (regular term) Charles Howard, Velma Swartz, Bob James, Barbara Julius, George Green, and Arleta Burke; (short term) Sandra Hayzelt, Naomi Shipley, Kaye Barnes, and Don Herren. Freshmen: Peggy Morrow, Pat Price, Margaret Boyd, Marsha Daniels, Dale Brown, and Rodney Rounkles.

Come to Sing . . .

Again this year Mr. Gilbert Whitney will lead the Tower Choir and students in carol singing 3 days before the beginning of the holidays. All students are invited to meet in front of the auditorium at 12:30 on December 19, 20, and 21 and join in this holiday festivity.

Golden Anniversary—Towers Must Be Ordered

To avoid a shortage of 1956 Towers which will be issued next May, students who desire a book will have the opportunity to register Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11, on the first floor of the administration building. Payment for the Tower will be made at that time.

A student who holds a student activity ticket for the summer, 1955, and one for each semester of 1955-56 is credited with \$3, the cost of the Tower to the student. The credit allowed follows:

1. Summer session activity ticket, 1955-56.
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3. Second semester activity ticket, 1955-56, \$1.20.

Those students attending only the first and second semester of the 1955-56 school year will be charged \$.60 for the Tower. Students attending only the first or second semester of the 1955-56 school year will be charged \$1.80.

Summer students attending only the 1955 summer session will be charged \$2.40.

When the Towers are issued in May, they will be distributed first to those people who have pre-registered.

Your cooperation in this matter will enable the staff to give you a better book.

TV Writer to Give January Assembly

College students and faculty members are in store for some excellent entertainment in the form of one Robert Shaw, radio and TV writer, according to Dr. Sterling Surrey, chairman of the assemblies committee.

Shaw, who writes tele-plays for "Robert Montgomery Presents," is to appear at the College assembly on January 8, at 10 a. m., in the auditorium.

Also among the list of famous TV programs for which he has written are "Playhouse of Stars," "Mr. District Attorney," "Waterfront," "Gangbusters," and "Craft Theatre."

Celebrating a Birthday . . .

"Christmas is coming," "Merry Christmas," "Season's Greetings," "Only ten more shopping days till Christmas!"—these are only a few of the expressions which are floating through the air in this holiday season. Everyone is talking about Christmas.

Yet, do we stop to remember just what is Christmas? Do we keep in mind that it is the birthday of Jesus, the Savior of all Christians?

A birthday is always a very special day when the person who is being honored is the center of all festivities, and we are now preparing to celebrate the most wonderful and most special of all birthdays.

In homes, people are cooking and baking, cleaning the house in preparation for company, wrapping and hiding gifts, decorating the house and the tree.

In churches, people are busy preparing for parties, plays, pageants, and programs. Groups are going about the town singing Christmas carols.

Here at school, the first semester is rushing toward a close, groups are busily preparing for Yuletide programs and activities, and students are thinking about going "home for the holidays."

In all this hustle and bustle we may forget just who is having a birthday. Some will forget, but more will remember. How about you? Remember, a birthday is a very special day, and the person being honored should be at the very center of all the festivities.

The Stroller . . .

Christmas is fast approaching, and the campus is busy preparing for the Yuletide festivities. Everyone seems to be getting into the act.

Pi Omega Pi members set the ball rolling by selling Christmas trees to all the campus community. So active were the zealous tree sellers that they called on some people as late as 9:30 in the evening.

Many students have Christmas trees and other festive decorations in their rooms, and several of the College administrative offices are sporting holiday attire, thanks to the aforementioned Pi Omega Pi members.

With the lighting of the big tree at the entrance to College Drive, the campus itself has taken on a gay glow. Even boys in Quad Six put up a Christmas tree and other holiday decorations with the help of their housemother, Mrs. Blanche Damewood.

Well, that's enough about the coming vacation; let us proceed with other news and views.

According to a notice in this week's issue (the Stroller gets to read the paper earlier) there will be an all-school Christmas party in the Den next Monday in place of the regular dance. Looks as though it will be a lot of fun, so plan to attend.

Flash . . . the Stroller has just received word of a momentous first occasion! Marv Toft recently got the Dorm on the phone from Quad Six in just one try. A quite singular event these days.

Another first is the time when the lock on the Dorm door saved several late returners from getting black marks. Peg Andrews, night chaperone, was dutifully trying to release the bar on the door, but for some reason the latch wouldn't operate properly. This proved quite fortunate for Nancy Noel and Larry Sipes as well as several others.

One final thought before signing off this week: "An instructor has to be a contortionist to be up on his toes, keep his feet on the ground, and his heels on the desk."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

—THE STROLLER.

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Kappa Delta Pi Holds Initiation Ceremony

Zeta Lambda chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternity, will have the formal active initiation for its pledges Friday night, December 16, according to Russell Thompson, president.

Candidates for active participation are Nancy Kariger, Karen Gardner, Sally Bolln, Marcia Ely, Ann Bridgewater, Glenda Rice, Darlene Coleman, Jim Gromer, J. W. Stone, Sharon Gabbert, Richard Zachary, James Wright, Ella Erp, and Barbara Nixon.

Kappa Delta Pi is the second largest educational fraternity in the United States.

Residence Hall

Girls of Residence Hall celebrated the opening of the new Recreation Room by having an informal party, December 5.

First floor girls were hostesses. Members of the entertainment committee were Wanda David, Barbara Stuber, and Sue Wright. Ona Morrison and Joyce Lash served refreshments.

Wanda David, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced the numbers of the varied program, which consisted of an oral reading by Gloria McConkey; a comical interpretation by Donna Ruoff; two songs sung by a trio composed of Barbara Stuber, Rolande Thompson, and Sue Wright; a pantomime by Shirley Woodring and a German band consisting of Veldeva Cochran, Nancy Rainey, Norma Long, Jeanette Roberts, Carol Gamble, Kay Ferguson, directed by Mona Scaddon.

S. C. A.

The annual Christmas banquet of the Student Christian Association was held Thursday, December 8, at the First Baptist Church with the Reverend George W. Barger of the First Christian Church serving as speaker.

Members of the planning committee for the banquet were Eldon Patterson, Joe Norton, Donna Higley, and Peg Andrews. Those in charge of the decorations were Dorothy Evans, Frances Seat, Betty Heyser, and Phyllis Cox.

Tomorrow evening the group will go caroling and as customary will present a needy family with a Christmas basket. Those responsible for selecting the family and the homes to be caroled are Darlene Coleman, J. W. Stone, Charlene Steiner, and Kathleen Hopple.

Alpha Phi Omega

Members of Alpha Phi Omega discussed possible service projects for this year. Among the ideas presented were an intercom system for the Den and signposts to direct visitors to the various buildings on the campus.

President Ed Vann announced that the pledge class of this year has been named "The Dwight D. Eisenhower Class." All pledges will receive special membership cards denoting the significance of this class. In addition, the names of all 1955 pledges will be printed on a scroll which will be presented to President Eisenhower.

Dancing Groups Are Scheduled For Annual December Assembly

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Firkins, Ann Buckner, Sandra McGinnis, Mona Scadden, Marilyn McKern, Eileen Judge, Phyllis Wray, Jo Parent, Carolyn McDonald, and Bonnie Brus, Kay Nicholas, Barbara Kunze, and Laura Gregg.

Miss Doris Hysler, of the physical education department and sponsor of Dance Club, designed and made the costumes. Choreography for the various numbers was arranged by Miss Hysler and members of Dance Club.

Members of the Dance Club, Fundamentals of Dance class and guests will have their annual Christmas party Monday night, December 19.



"I thought I'd be considerate and tell her that her hose were wrinkled—but she wasn't wearing hose."

Shirer Cites Germany as Problem

by Charles Heinrichs

After two world wars, Germany is still a big problem in foreign affairs, according to William L. Shirer, veteran foreign correspondent, who spoke to the College assembly, December 9.

Although "our attention has been diverted by the Asian wars since 1945, our main problem today lies in the basic disagreement between the United States and Russia, and that is the control over 'new' Germany."

Mr. Shirer quoted a Berlin businessman. "The United States has done everything possible to help us, now we must rely on Russia to give us the thing we want most—our markets to the East!" Germany's present economic structure is dependent upon foreign trade and has been recognized for its potential industrial strength.

Our position in the Near and Far East is being undermined by Russia, precisely what Karl Marx wantingly expressed years ago.

Shirer went on to explain what he termed "a revolution in government thoughts concerning dis-

armament." Following World War I we disarmed in an effort towards peace, now we are remaining armed in an effort to prevent war.

"We are going to keep peace through mutual terror," he stated; "the question is not who has the most A or H bombs—but who is most capable of delivering them." On May Day, 1954, the American Embassy officials in Moscow observed Russia's equivalent of the U. S.'s B-52 type aircraft flying overhead. Washington officials felt no need for alarm, until a year later when the same embassy officials witnessed a group of these "regulicas" flying enmassed. "I know that our government is in war because the Russians have caught up and have probably surpassed us in many instances," revealed Shirer.

Mr. Shirer emphasized the importance of the problems in foreign affairs with Russia. "We were mistaken when I was a boy we didn't care about foreign affairs, yet twice during my generation boys have gone to war," warned Shirer.

Campus Briefs

A "reciprocal trade agreement" was fulfilled during the Thanksgiving holiday. Lill Glynos went to William Jewell as guest of Violet Jacob from Bagdad, Iraq, who visited Lill at this College during the same holiday a year ago.

Both girls have Rotary scholarships and met at the district meeting a year ago. At that time Violet Jacob visited this campus.

Science majors Edwin E. Herde, Frank H. Garey, Irwin G. Coats, and Ralph L. Barnett, Jr. went recently with Dr. D. M. Cooper on a visit to Missouri University. Primary purpose of the one day visit was to hear scientists speak on radiological testing devices that are used in civil defense work. They received information and equipment to test for the dangerous fall-out which may be prevalent after an atomic explosion.

Ronald Maurice from San Francisco, Calif., is planning to drive home for the Christmas holidays. This will be his first Christmas at home in six years. Ron, after spending four years in the Air Force, enrolled at the College in the fall of 1954 and is now a junior.

Miss Olive Long, college sophomore, and Richard Smith, former student, were married on November 24, in Quitman. The new Mrs. Smith is a music major; her husband, formerly an industrial arts

major, is a private in the U. S. army and is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Donna L. Stark and Dwight E. Barrett, students here, were married Friday.

Dwight is a freshman. He plans to major in journalism. The new Mrs. Barrett is a sophomore. Her major is elementary education.

Bride and groom are graduates of Maryville High School.

The girls in the food problem class are planning a Christmas party for the faculty, administration, and their wives. It will be held December 16, from three to five, in the home economics lounge.

Part of the refreshments for the party will consist of a thirty-five pound fruit cake which the girls of the class are preparing for the party as a laboratory project.

Dr. J. W. Jones has been invited by Hubert Wheeler, Commissioner of Education in Missouri, to be one of the participants in the conference being held at the Office of the Commissioner of Public Schools in Jefferson City on the problems developing in public education with the establishment of the new foundation program.

The conference in Jefferson City is being held on December 13 and 14.

Omicron Phi Miss Anthony

Omicron Phi held the anniversary's Day on Saturday, December 10, in the home economics room. Alpha chapter was organized on December 11, 1922. The lighting service was given in honor of Miss Hettie M. the first sponsor of Omicron Phi, and six charter members who are Mabel Cook, Helen Johnston, Mildred Shinaberg, Jane Tooney, Alice McWarner, and Dorothy

Ann Bridgewater, presided over the ceremony during a plaque presented to the Alpha chapter to commemorate its founding on this campus. A photograph of Miss Anthony was dedicated at this time.

Miss Anthony, the guest speaker, related experiences of her trip to Hawaii.

The room was decorated with red and white in brass candelabra which were surrounded by garlands of red evergreen and gold ornaments. Mrs. Betty Cox and Miss LaMar were in charge of the decorations.

Exhibit were scrap books from former years up to present and copies of "Delta" magazine which was presented to the Maryville alumnae by Mrs. J. A. Anderson in honor of the Alpha chapter for the occasion.

Delta Sigmas

The intramurals have been going many of the Tri Sigma team. The Tri Sigma basketball team, captained by Barbara, has been participating in basketball tournament. The Tri Sigma's bowling team is entered in the competition in the intramural activities.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the home of Shirley DeLeon on December 20. Tri Sigma sponsor, Miss Neva Ross, is planning to furnish the refreshments.

Congratulations to Avis Murrell receiving the Painter Fellowship and to Barbara Nixon receiving the College Merit Scholarship.

Independent Club

At the December 13 Independent Club meeting, the constitution was discussed before the members. After much deliberation, it was presented and a vote was

taken for the caroling tour are complete. Maryville churches have been contacted and lists of names have been received and sent among three different churches. The St. Francis Hospital and the Pleasant View Home will be visited by the caroling group. Another activity which will be planned on by the organization to give the Christmas spirit will be to give a basket to a needy family.

Miss David has been appointed chairman of the committee which will take care of the organization's page in the Tower.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



—Photo by George R. Green

Shown above, performing at the recent Rotary Convention, is the Tower Choir, which will provide intermission entertainment at the Christmas Ball, Saturday, December 17. Members of the choir are: front row, left to right, Jeanne Goodson, Patti Pranter, Barbara Stuber, Marilyn Fulton, Donna Ruoff, Wreatha Jarvis, Grace Denton, Sharon Pittsinger, Sylvia McConkey; middle row, Kathleen Hopple, Eva Hess, Sybil Sims, Leland Close, Gary Funkhouser, Jim Thomas, Richard Pinkerton, Don Herren, Byron Myers, Ruth Tebow, Delores Moore, Elizabeth Tokuda; back row, left to right, Charles Shaw, Roger Rowlett, Jack Hill, Jim Roll, Charles Hagee, Don McCartney, Mert Beuerman, Fred Whitford, Francis Cogdill, Ed Herde. Mr. Gilbert Whitney of the music faculty is the director.

Gala Pre-Holiday Festivities To Be Opened by Christmas Ball

"Rock 'N Roll," "Tenderly," and "Sixteen Tons" are just a few of the danceable songs that will be played at the annual Christmas Formal to be held Saturday, December 17, from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. in the Union lounge. The cost will be \$1.50 per couple, with tickets being sold at the door.

Members of the faculty will be guests. Directed by Art Buckingham and Dave Holland, music will be furnished by a seven-piece band with Barbara Stuber and Don Herren alternating as vocalists. The lounge will be decorated in the Christmas motif, and Old Saint Nick will be there.

During intermission, the Tower Choir, under the direction of Mr. Gilbert Whitney, will present a program of Christmas songs. The Fred Waring arrangement of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will be one of their special numbers.

Sponsoring the dance is the Student Social Committee. Richard Tilton is the general chairman. In charge of refreshments at the dance is Nancy Kariger. Bill Geer and Larry Jones are in charge of decorations. Jean Swanson, Jean Jensen, and Judy Beemer are handling the invitations.

Other members of the Student Social Committee who are helping with the dance are Don Warford, Westergard's rendition of "The Art Buckingham, and Ken Moore.

Alpha Sigmas

Alpha Sigma plans for the annual Christmas party are in full swing. Chairman of the committee for the party is Charlene Olson who will be assisted by Norma Long and Judy Beemer. The pledges will provide a program for entertainment.

Alpha girls on the intramural basketball team have been doing a good job of winning their games. They finished as one of the best teams in the tournament and were contestants in the final game.

Best wishes are extended to Judy Beemer on her recent engagement.

Delta Sigmas

After being entertained at a recent meeting, by Elizabeth Westergard's rendition of "The Loose that Gaid the Olden Gaig,"

Women's Teams Compete In Basketball, Bowling

Games of the Women's Intramural Basketball Tournament started off with a bang two weeks ago. In the opening game, the Bearkittens tangled with the Alphas who won the close game.

According to Miss Bonnie Magill, who is in charge of the activities, previous games and results are as follows: Alphas 34, Bearkittens 29; Tigerettes 34, Hawks 20; Tri Sigmas 27, Deltas 21; Red Racers 30, Tigerettes 28; Alphas 20, Tri Sigmas 12; Deltas 30, Bearkittens 33.

This tournament is a double-elimination type which will make it possible for each team to play more than one game.

Action by the six teams entered in the women's intramural bowling activities has been carried on at the Nodaway Lanes during the past four weeks.

As the standings were at the end of last week the Alpha Sigmas won 2, lost 2; Sigma Sigmas won 2, lost 2; Delta Sigmas lost 4; FEM Club won 3, lost 1; Dance Club won 3, lost 1; and the Independent Club won 2, lost 2.

Teams with the highest pins in two games were as follows: Alpha Sigma Alpha—799, PEM Club—796, and Sigma Sigma Sigma—782.

Highest individual scores for one game were made by Barbara Kunze, PEM Club, 153; Nancy Kariger, Alpha Sigma, 147; and Barbara Hennan, PEM Club, 136.

Girls with the highest scores for two games were Nancy Kariger, Alpha Sigma, 255; Barbara Kunze, PEM Club, 253; and Verla Mosman, Delta, 238.

Notice

Come one, come all, to the all-school Christmas party, Monday, December 19, at 6:30 p. m. in the Bearcats' Den. Santa will be there, with presents for all. Watch for signs and posters.

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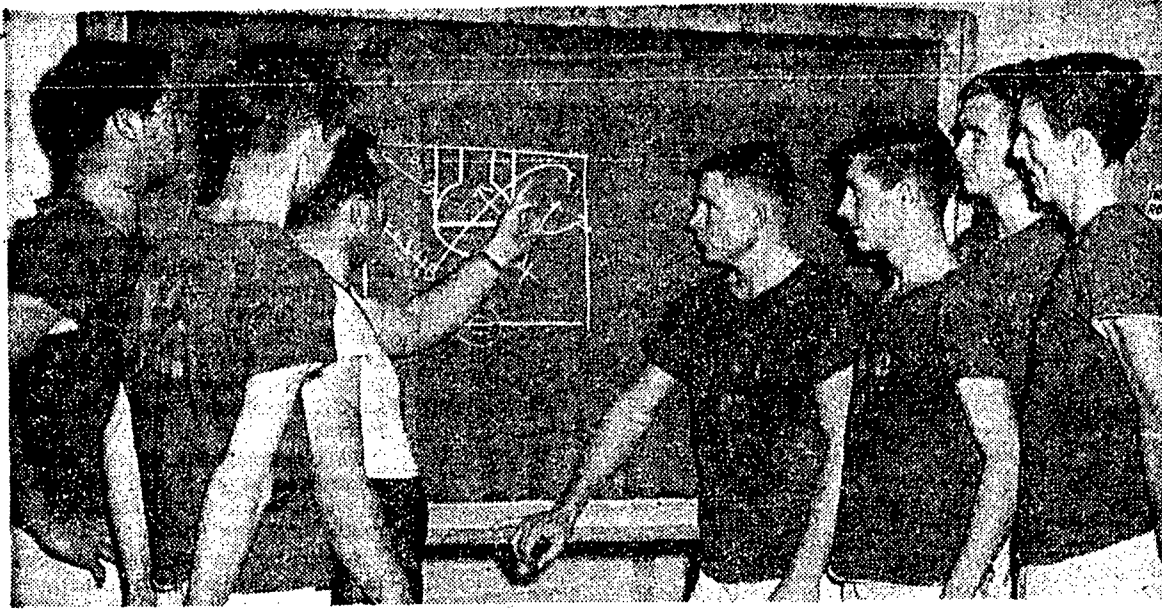
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Coach Gregory Explains Offensive Tactics



Coach Bob Gregory exhibits an offense in skull practice with some of his mainstays of this season concentrating on the play. The 'Cats play powerful Kirksville Friday night at Kirksville. Pictured left to right are Daryl Flint, Dana Sharp, Coach Gregory, Weldon Dowden, Lex Creamer, Mike Hutcheon, and Bob Alcorn.

Bearcats to Play Bulldogs Friday; Conference Opens

This Friday evening the Bearcats will travel to Kirksville to open the Conference playing of the two teams. This game will start at 8:00 p. m.

Kirksville is the defending M. I. A. A. champion in basketball. Last year the Bulldogs averaged 80 points per game and this year they will be trying to equal this point making. Although Kirksville lost five lettermen, they still have plenty of strength to carry the load of this season. All-Conference guard, Richard Maack, is back with seven other returning lettermen. The average height of the two teams is about equal, with Kirksville having an average of 6' 1 1/4" and the 'Cats an average of 6' 1 1/4".

Last year Kirksville was a representative to the N.A.I.A. tournament in Kansas City, but they were taken out in the first round of tournament play.

The Bearcat scoring has been divided so far with Dinker Dowden and Bob Alcorn netting 15 apiece in the St. Benedict's game and Daryl Flint and Lex Creamer getting 16 apiece in the Washburn game.

The Bearcats are 1-3 going into this game. This will be an important game for both schools and will be a good game to watch. Kirksville will play here February 4.

The 'Cats will get a break during the Christmas vacation. December 30 and 31 the 'Cats will play in the Tarkio Tournament.

Random Shots . . .

The Bearcats are starting to click as the Conference season opens this Friday. Sure would be nice to win the first game of the MIAA season.

Congratulations to Vic Cromer and Darrell Walker for receiving All Conference. Both of these men will be back next season for Coach Ryland Milner.

Glad to see the Bearcat fans that made the trip to Atchison to see the 'Cats in

Bearcats' Basketball Squad for 1955-56

Name	Class	No.	Height	Residence
Bob Alcorn	Jr.	52	6'4"	St. Joseph
Jim Armstrong	Fr.	50	6'1"	Eagleville
Leo Bangs	Soph.	70	6'2"	Fatragut, Ia.
Jon Becker	Fr.	55	6'3 1/2"	Savannah
Marvin Black	Jr.	30	5'9"	Maryville
*Lex Creamer	Sr.	32	6'	Union Star
Dave Culver	Soph.	72	5'10"	Maloy, Ia.
*Weldon Dowden	Sr.	44	6'	Maryville
Don Eklund	Fr.		6' 1/2"	Creston, Ia.
Russ Flores	Soph.		5'11"	Elgin, Ill.
*Daryl Flint	Jr.	60	6'4"	Martinsville
Harlan Higginbotham	Fr.		6'2"	Albany
*Mike Hutcheon	Jr.	77	6'4"	Maryville
Wayne Jackson	Soph.		6'	Maryville
Ed Kavanaugh	Fr.		6'3 1/2"	Hamilton
*Logan McGinnis	Soph.	66	6'2"	Council Bluffs
Merrill Nisley	Soph.	42	6'1 1/2"	Villisca, Ia.
*Dana Sharp	Sr.	33	6'2"	Maryville
John Schulze	Soph.		6'1"	Dawson, Nebr.
L. D. Young	Soph.		5'9 1/2"	Quitman
Jerry Everman	Fr.		6'1"	Winston
Eddie Carter	Fr.		6'1"	New Hampton

*Denotes Lettermen.

action. Some are planning to make the trip to Kirksville also. Bring us back a victory. Intramural basketball is in full swing now. Since there were so many participating this season, the Council decided to have another team, the red team, which started play last Wednesday.

The attendance at the ball games has been good this season. Keep up the good work.

The girls seem to be having quite a tournament in basketball. Didn't know we had so many women athletes on the campus.

Intramural Notes

Games through the second of December are as follows in the Intramurals: TKE (G) beat Sig Tau (G) 50-31. Matson had 16 points for TKE and E. Clark and C. Crowdrey each had 6 for S. T. Sig Tau (W) won over I. C.'s (W), 27-14. Don Pierpoint with 7 points for S. T. and Baxter with 11 points were high men. Baxter plays for the I. C.'s.

The Phi Sigs (W) beat TKE (W), 43-21. Harris had 9 points for P. S. and Wells had 4 points for TKE. Sig Tau (B) won over I. C. (B), 67-40. Jim West with 18 points for S. T. and Stuvick with

20 points for IC's were high men.

Sig Tau (B) beat TKE (B), 39-13. West again with 10 points for S. T. and Hargrave with 4 and Tilton with 4 were high men for the TKE's.

Phi Sigs (B) beat I. C.'s (B), 48-17. Wilbur Powell and Vic Cromer each had 10 points for Phi Sig and Stuvick had 5 for I. C.'s. Sig Tau (W) won over the TKE (W), 53-27. Bill Ruby with 12 points, Horner had 9 points for the TKE's.

The Red team leaders were announced with Bradley for the Sig Taus, Snapp for the TKE's and Collins for the IC's. The Phi Sigs have Laughlin for their captain.

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Emporia and Pittsburg Hand 'Cats Two Defeats

The Maryville Bearcats gave the undefeated Pittsburg Gorillas a first half scare, but the hustling club from Kansas pulled way late in the game for an 81-70 victory over the Bearcats Saturday night in the men's gym. The Bearcat "B" team defeated Trenton Junior College 74-55 in a preliminary game.

First half action was fast and rough as the Bearcats battled full steam against the powerful Pittsburg group. Daryl Flint scored 12 points in the first half to lead the 'Cat scoring. The score was tied eight times in the first half. Except for the opening minutes, Maryville fought for the lead until one minute remained in the first half. Mike Hutcheon hit a pair of free throws to make it 35-33. Pittsburg tied it up. Dana Sharp then hit a goal as the gun went off ending the half to give the 'Cats a 37-35 intermission lead.

The loss of Flint in the second half had its effect on the Bearcats. The big man picked up his fourth foul early in the second half. He came back in scored one basket and went out on personals with 10 minutes remaining. Flint had 14 points for the evening. Sharp lead the 'Cat scoring with 17. Weldon Dowden had 10 markers.

Maryville hit 81 per cent of their charity tosses for 34 points. Pittsburg picked up 29 free throws. They had 26 field goals to the 'Cats' 18 to make the difference. Both teams used eight men during the contest. Dowden once again played a sparkling game on defense and offense as he rebounded, blocked shots, and scored.

The State College Bearcats led to quick five point leads in halves of a nip and tuck game, but were unable to hold a close lead as the visitors squeaked 70-67 win on the home court Thursday evening, December 13. Flint chalked up 10 marks the first half as did Jack of Emporia. Maryville rebounded but miscues and bad passes to Green and White. Miller was for the game with 26 points followed for Maryville with 10 den picked up 12 points in the second half and 5 in the first for Maryville. Lex Creamer 13 for the 'Cats. Brickett 13 for Emporia. Miller picked points in a second half split he hit with deadly accuracy.

The box scores:

Maryville (70)	Pittsburg (70)
G F T F	G F T F
Alcorn	1 4 3 Palmer
Sharp	7 3 2 Cain
Dowden	3 4 1 Robins
Flint	4 6 5 Nelt
Hutcheon	1 6 3 McCrings
Becker	0 2 2 Peterson
Creamer	2 9 4 Lavey
Black	0 0 0 Nealey
Nisley	0 0 0 Faurot
Totals	18 34 20 Totals
Halftime: Maryville 37, Pittsburg 35	

Emporia State (70)	Maryville (67)
G F T F	G F T F
Miller	11 4 3 Alcorn
Nelson	2 6 0 Dowden
Hayes	2 5 1 Flint
Brickett	2 8 3 Hutcheon
Quincy	2 0 5 Creamer
Holthouse	3 3 1 Sharp
Totals	22 26 18 Totals
Score at half—Emporia 32, Maryville 37	

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